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In re the Application of: **KURIHARA, Makoto et al.**

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Examiner: **Florian M. ZEENDER**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **December 1, 2004**, please amend the above-identified application as follows: